

Term 1 Week 3 – 10th February 2021

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Year 6 Leaders 2021



Welcome BBQ Thanks

Thank you to all families who made it to our Welcome BBQ last night. It was a great night and provided an opportunity for the teaching staff and myself to meet families and touch base on the year ahead. I also wish to thank all staff involved in organising the event and for giving up their time to cook and serve the Sausage Sizzle.



Holy Spirit School Community is genuinely a special place. It's positive climate, energy and spirit is unique and enhanced by its great sense of school community. This is evident through great academic and sporting results as well as tracking of school performance data. We are just as proud of our wellbeing focus and the emphasis on the broader aspects of educating young people. Skills, interpersonal development, values, attitudes and dispositions are just as important as content knowledge.

Our theme for 2021 is *Enhancing Community* (especially given 2020). In the year ahead we will endeavour to share with our community what it means to be a positive school community, by what we have done in the past, what we are currently doing and what we are aspiring to do.

Thanks to our parent community for the preparation you made towards ensuring children were ready for the 2021 school year. Thanks to our HSS staff for the time, care and energy you have made towards the beginning of the school year. Best wishes to everyone for a prayerful, joyful, positive and productive 2021.

STAFFING

It gives me great pleasure to welcome new staff this year to Holy Spirit. Ms Michelle Tankard is teaching Year 6, Miss Grace Shephard is teaching Year 2, Miss Hannah Azzi and Miss Talissa Habermann are Learning Support across K-6. I have no doubt you will make them feel welcome to our school community. Please find attached the [Staffing for 2021](#).

SCHOOL COUNCIL

Our AGM of the School Council will be held on Tuesday 9th March. We have some vacancies on our Council for the upcoming 6-year cycle. Yesterday a [NOMINATION FORM](#) was sent out via Compass for all parents who are interested in nominating for a position. More information about the role of the Council is embedded in the online nomination form. This nomination needs to be submitted by Tuesday 23rd February. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact me at school.

'GETTING TO KNOW YOUR STUDENT' SESSIONS

On Tuesday 23rd of February, we will be conducting 'Getting To Know Your Student' sessions. On Monday this week, we sent home a note. We would like your input outlining your child's strengths and areas of concern prior to the sessions. More Information will be distributed with regards to booking a session through Compass by the end of this week.

TECHNOLOGY WATCHES

All students are to drop their phones at the Office each morning as they are not required during the day. This works incredibly well and has done for quite some time. Over the past 6 months, students have been wearing Smart Watches which have the same capabilities as phones. If your child has a watch with these capabilities, they must be turned onto 'school mode' (where they don't have access to messages etc) or left at the Office each morning, the same as mobile phones.

CANTEEN

This year the Canteen will be run on Thursdays and Fridays at lunchtime only. We had quite a few of our volunteers leave last year as their children finished Year 6, so we require more assistance. The ongoing sustainability of our canteen hinges on your support as volunteers. If you can assist, could you please contact Nina on 0407432892.

BINGO

We will be recommencing our community Bingo on Wednesday 3rd of March. This is our key fundraiser each year. This requires support from staff and parents to be callers and helpers. If you are interested in helping could you please read and respond to the attached form - [Bingo Volunteers](#).

SWIMMING CARNIVAL

We will be holding our annual school carnival next Friday 19th February at the Albury Swim Centre. A permission and information note went out via Compass yesterday. Please note there are some changes for you as parents due to Covid. As spectators, you will be assigned an area at the pool to watch the races and you will not be permitted to take your children home early or at the conclusion of the carnival. This may seem harsh but these restrictions have been eased, as 9 days ago no spectators were to be allowed at the carnival. Thank you for your understanding and patience in advance.

SCHOOL DROP OFFS

As of Monday 15th February, K-2 parents will no longer be permitted to enter the school grounds to drop off their child/ren. They will have to leave their child/ren at the front gate (same as 3-6 students).

OPEN DOOR

Finally, I remind families that I welcome any opportunity to meet with you. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns, need assistance or are looking for ways you can become a more active part of our school community. Please feel free to make an appointment with the Office, call during the day or email me on keanm@www.catholic.edu.au

Matt Kean
Principal



Kids on Keyboards

2021

Last Chance!

When: Monday, 3.05pm
Where: Holy Spirit School

Thinking about discovering your child's music potential? Wanting to heighten their academic possibilities and social skills? Why not join the Kids on Keyboards music program!

Fees are low (\$130.00 a term), with book included.

Students in Grade 2 to 6 are invited to come along, learn to read and play music, and have fun in a familiar environment.

Numbers are limited to one class per week.

Call Jacqui Dainer on 0406 238 465 for details and bookings.

KEY DATES:

School/Parish Mass: Saturday 13th February - 6 pm

'Get to Know Student' Sessions: Tuesday 23rd February,
1:30 pm - 6 pm

Swimming Carnival: Friday 19th February

Year 6 Leadership Days & Overnighter: 4th & 5th March

School Photos: Monday 8th March

HOLY SPIRIT IS An Allergy Aware SCHOOL

Please refrain from bringing nuts and food containing nut products.